



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1123-A)

Pre Application of:

Cunningham, et al.

Serial No.: 09/929,957

Filed: August 15, 2001

For: A Label-Free High-Throughput Optical Technique for Detecting Biomolecular Interactions

Examiner: TBA

Art Unit: 1743

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.47(a)

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for the acceptance of the attached declaration in the above-mentioned case without the signature of inventor Douglas Hobbs under 37 CFR § 1.47(a). A fee of one hundred thirty dollars (\$130) is enclosed. Please charge or credit any over- or under-payment of fees associated with this filing to our Deposit Account Number 13-2490.

The Declaration of Lisa M.W. Hillman is attached as Exhibit A. The Declaration demonstrates that several *bona fide* requests were made to present a copy of the application (specification including claims, drawings, and declaration) to Dr. Hobbs for signature, but that Dr. Hobbs did not respond to the requests.

All the available joint inventors have signed the declaration. The last known address of Dr. Hobbs is:

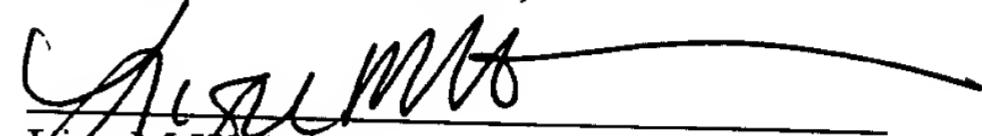
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Applicants respectfully request that the attached declaration be accepted under 37
CFR § 1.47(a).

Date: December 20, 2001

Respectfully submitted,


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